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1. [] In the absence of Mr. Samuel Archibald I met with Mr. Benny Kass, Counsel, Moss Information Subcommittee, with regard to the Chairman's concern arising from the Marquis Childs column of possible attempts of supressing publication of the book THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT. I advised Mr. Kass that we were interested in the security matters set forth in the book primarily, and that the Director had offered a review of the transcript. It was noted also that the Director had talked to the authors again after the book was out for review but that there was no indication that changes in the book would be effected as a result of our desires. Mr. Kass indicated that if we would keep the Chairman posted should any changes in the book come about as a result of our request, that he felt this would satisfy the Chairman's desires. I assured him we would be pleased to do so. Mr. Kass will be talking to the Chairman later in the day on this basis.

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2. [] As Mr. Russell Blandford is in Annapolis for the day making final arrangements for "Admiral" Vinson to address the graduating class tomorrow, it will not be possible to start laying on hearings with the Committee until Thursday. Committee offices will be closed tomorrow with staff as well as members of the committee attending commencement exercises at Annapolis.

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3. [] I met with [] and advised him that no further word will be available concerning [] 25X1
[] who will be 25X1
returning from Europe next week.

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[] advised in passing that he feels it best that the question of [] be allowed to lie as it is since it has gotten so late in the congressional season. He also indicated that as well as

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25X1 4. [] Talked with William Seward, in the
25X1 office of Senator Barry Goldwater, and left with him a Soviet pamphlet
[] The publication
has a caricature of Senator Goldwater on the cover and the Russian title
translated is "Barry Goldwater, Sower of Hate." I told Seward we were
passing it on to him for whatever interest he might have in it. Seward
was most appreciative, said he appreciated our sending similar FBIS
items to them and said that when a translation is obtained from the
Library of Congress, he will send us a copy.

25X1 5. [] Left with David Martin, in the office of
Senator Thomas J. Dodd, a copy of the LOOK magazine article on THE
INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT. Martin had not seen the article and
appreciated our giving him a copy.

We again discussed the general subject of irresponsible attacks
on the Agency and the lack of sufficient legal sanctions to prevent
disclosures of classified information contained in such a text. Martin
said he would like to see the Internal Security Subcommittee conduct
extensive hearings on this subject, however, it is obvious that nothing
can be done on this before the first of the year.

Martin gave me, for our information, copies of correspondence
sent to Senator Dodd by William R. Davis about whom Martin had
previously contacted us.

25X1 6. [] Returned to William Darden, Senate
Armed Services Committee staff, a letter from [] in 25X1
which he indicated an interest in joining the group of American students
who plan to again visit Cuba in defiance of State Department policy and
regulations. On advice of WH Division, I suggested that Senator Russell
might wish to respond to this communication thanking the young man for
his patriotism but suggesting that he not jeopardize his own future by
joining this group. Darden thought this was an excellent answer and thanked
us for our assistance.

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25X1 7. [] Returned to Representative Sam
Gibbons a letter he had directed to us regarding a dispute over a
commercial transaction between one of his constituents and an electronics
firm in Tampa, Florida. I advised the Congressman that [] 25X1
[] in no way connected with this Agency. Gibbons said he had
thought this was the case and added that his letter had been sent to us
on the basis of a misunderstanding. No further action is required on
this time.

25X1 Mr. Gibbons expressed regret that he was not able to accept our
invitation to address the Mid-Career Course last week. I took notice
of the fact that the Congressman was the sponsor of a Joint Committee
resolution and indicated that we wished to expose our people to the
various sentiments regarding the Agency on the Hill and might like to
extend the invitation again in the future. Mr. Gibbons said he would be
happy to address a group like this at some time in the future. We
proceeded to discuss recent attacks on the Agency and exchanged
personal views on the pros and cons of the Joint Committee question.
The conversation was a friendly one and I think Gibbons realized that
there were certain aspects of this subject of which he had not been fully
cognizant.

25X1 8. [] Handcarried to Mr. Goss, in the office
of Representative Wilbur Mills, a response to a letter from the Congress-
man regarding an interested applicant, [] 25X1
[] regarding a civiliam force in
Viet Nam be directed to the Department of Defense.) We then discussed
the case of [] employee involuntarily retired
on medical disability. Goss showed me a letter which the Congressman
had sent [] our position on this case and at my request
made a copy for our files. This is being forwarded to the Office of
Personnel.

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Assistant Legislative Counsel

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Ex/Dir-Compt
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